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EB/ORF/ICD:MZINOMEN  
COMMERCE/BEWT:VZABIKA  
COMMERCE/MARAD:RCARLTON  
DESIRED DISTRIBUTION  
BUREAU OF MINES FOR RICHARD SINGLETON  
MARITIME ADMINISTRATION FOR R. BRUCE CARLTON

-----200931Z 099134 /15  
P 200538Z MAY 77  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY  
INFO AMCONSUL LENINGRAD PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY OTTAWA PRIORITY

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OTTAWA PLEASE PASS WINNIPEG

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:EWT, EWWT UR US

SUBJECT: SOVIET SHIPMENT OF POTASH TO US

1. MARITIME ADMINISTRATION HAS LEARNED THAT 5,600 METRIC  
TONS OF SOVIET POTASH WERE DISCHARGED AT BURNSIDE IN BATON  
ROUGE, LOUISIANA, ON APRIL 27 FROM NORWEGIAN SHIP, REFSNES.  
SOVIET LOADING PORT: VENTSPILS. CONSIGNEE: INTERORE  
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FREIGHTING LTD. OF HAMILTON, BERMUDA, ACTING FOR OCCIDENTAL  
SUBSIDIARY INTERNATIONAL ORE AND FERTILIZER CORPORATION. OF  
5,650 TONS INDIANA FERTILIZER FIRM PURCHASED 3,900 TONS AND  
THE BALANCE WENT TO A COMPANY IN ST. LOUIS. BOTH PURCHASES  
MADE FROM OCCIDENTAL.

2. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS IS TEST SHIPMENT TO

ASCERTAIN WHETHER QUALITY OF SOVIET POTASH MEETS US MARKET  
REQUIREMENTS. UNDER OCCIDENTAL FERTILIZER DEAL, 380,000  
TONS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE SHIPPED TO US FROM USSR IN 1978;  
BY 1980 AMOUNT SHIPPED WILL REACH 1 MILLION TONS WHICH WAS  
AGREED TO IN OCCIDENTAL FERTILIZER CONTRACT WITH SOVIETS.  
NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON SHIPPING TERMS. CHRISTOPHER

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